

TO 6TH SPOT

THIS win completed a year in which Walton were unbeaten at home in the league and took them to sixth place in the table. With games in hand on the clubs above them Swans must still be hopeful of the runners-up spot behind the runaway Hendon, who are 11 points clear.

One problem Walton must sort out, however, is their current lack of goalscoring power. They have scored 57 goals in 36 league and cup games, 20 of them from Foskett. The other front runners, Connell and Somers, have scored only 15 between them.

In a mist-shrouded and mistake-ridden match that rarely lived up to past clashes between these two sides Swans always seemed to hold the edge. Their attacks were more dangerous and their defence always more assured under pressure.

With Lambert suffering the after-effects of flu, Morris returned to midfield.

Wycombe made the first move of any quality, when Horseman headed just over from Hollisfield's corner. Walton replied quickly as Thomas crossed deep from the right and Somers headed on the run to Foskett, who chested the ball down but fired wide.

Hutchinson put a snap shot into the side netting after the normally reliable Donaldson had made a mess of an attempted clearance, then Wycombe, too, had a narrow escape as Smith chipped a neat free kick to the near post and Foskett dived in for a shot that Maskell parried to Foskett, who shot into the side netting.

Minutes later Amos, who had been fouled by Edwards, foolishly kicked Donaldson, who had merely gone to collect the ball, then knee'd him in the back as he fell. Even the Wycombe supporters seemed surprised when he was only booked.

Walton's tackling was far more decisive and a typical

piece of determination by Edwards set up their goal in the 23rd minute.

He won a tackle on the edge of his own area and pushed the ball on for Woffinden, who set Somers away on a fine run down the left. Somers beat off a late challenge before crossing low into the goalmouth, where MORRIS got in a shot which curled over Maskell into the net.

Walton ended the half on the attack, with Foskett having a hard drive well saved after a Bassett through ball had split the defence.

Wycombe were under pressure again at the start of the second period as Somers headed just wide from Smith's free kick, then survived an amazing melee. Somers again ran down the right for a low cross which

Walton & Hersham 1, Wycombe Wanderers 1

beat everyone. Worby had two stabs at the ball from close range before it ran loose to Foskett, whose shot was brilliantly saved by Maskell.

Wycombe's frustration at being unable to get any grip on the game was underlined when Williams was booked for a foul on Woffinden.

Worby hooked a difficult chance wide as Donaldson beat the offside trap with a clever cross-lob. With six minutes to go Bassett worked a fine one-two with Somers on the edge of the area but as he went for the return he collided with Maskell and full back Rundle, and the ball ran for a corner.

As Bassett went to take the kick the referee, surrounded by a group of Wycombe players, walked over to book him. Bassett

was then sent off, apparently for arguing. This was his third booking after his six-week suspension at the beginning of the season.

Wycombe tried hard to make their extra-man advantage pay but Teale foiled them with a fine save from Horseman after Hutchinson had flicked on a long throw from the left.



Bassett: sent off for dissent.

WALTON — Teale, Thomas, Worby, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Smith, Morris, Woffinden, Somers, Foskett. Sub: Wiggate.

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Midfield player Willie Smith escaped with a £1 fine and a warning as to his future conduct when he appeared before the F.A. Disciplinary Committee in London last Friday.

TUG-OF-WAR CLUB MOVES

Following one of their most successful seasons Warrington

A whole new ball game for Swans

WALTON face the unknown on Saturday when they visit Leeds & Carnegie College in the second round of the Amateur Cup. Although this is a repeat visit for Swans, who won 3-0 in the same round at Leeds three seasons ago, their opponents are a college side, so the line-up has changed completely.

Leeds lie fifth in Division 2 of the Yorkshire League, having won seven games and lost six. They are current champions of the Leeds F.A. Senior Cup and are also British P.E. college champions.

Three of the side's mid-field star Howard Kennedy, leading goalscorer Peter Wilson and goalkeeper Tim Soward were in the British Universities and Colleges team that took part in the recent European College Championships in Rumania. Eight of the team played for British Universities against the F.A. Amateur XI last month.

Leeds got through to this round by beating Manchester side Prestwich Heys 3-0 in a replay.

"We are not treating this game lightly," said Walton boss Allen Batsford this week.